वस्त्र निर्यात कोटे की काला बाजारी

3843. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा जारी वस्त्र निर्यात कोटे को काले बाजार में बेचा जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दोषी फर्मों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और उन फर्मों के नाम क्या हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी. वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) से (ग) परिधान निर्यात हकदारी वितरण नीति के अन्तर्गत कार्य निष्पादनोत्तर हकदारी पद्धति और गैर-कोटा निर्यातक हकदारी पद्धति के अन्तर्गत हकदारी पंजीकृत परिधान निर्यातकों के माध्य स्थानान्तरणीय है। चूंकि कुछ श्रेणियों में हकदारी की उपलब्धता मांग से कम हैं, यह संभव है कि इस प्रकार के अन्तरण, अन्तरण करने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा प्रीमियम की कुछ राशि देने पर किये जाते हों।

एक सांसद से शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है जिसमें आरोप लगाया गया है कि एक निर्यातक कोटा के काला बाजारी में लिप्त है। मामला जांचाधीन है।

Winding up of Silk Industry in Assam

3844. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the famous silk industry in Assam is gradually fading away and in due course it may be extinct altogether; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Government to streamline this age-old cottage industry of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir. The production of raw silk, which was 422 metric tonnes in 1990-91, has increased to 469 metric tonnes in the year 1992-93.

(b) In order to increase raw silk production in the State of Assam, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a pilot sericulture project in the State under the World Bank /Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project. Further, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Government, the CSB has established a network of its units for extending necessary research, extension, infrastructural and training support for development of sericulture industry in the State.

गुजरात क्षेत्र में हथकरघा विकास के लिए कल्याणकारी योजनाएं

3845. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने हथकरघा विकास कार्यक्रम के अधीन गुजरात के आदिवासी बहुल और पिछड़े जिलों के लिए कोई कल्याणकारी योजना बनाई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त कल्याणकारी योजनाओं को कब तक कार्यान्वित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी. वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) और (ख) हथकरघा क्षेत्र में संचालित सभी कल्याणकारी योजनाएं जनजातीय बाहुल्य और पिछड़े जिलों के लिए भी उपलब्ध हैं। इन योजनाओं में कार्यशाला-सह-आवास योजना, समूह बीमा योजना, स्वास्थ्य पैकेज योजना और थ्रिफ्ट फंड योजना शामिल हैं। ये योजनाएं चालू योजनाएं हैं और इन्हें निरंतर आधार पर कार्यान्वित किया जाता है। तथापि इन योजनाओं के

अंतर्गत न तो गत वर्ष और न ही चालू वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात राज्य सरकार से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है।

NTC Mill? Working in Kanpur

3846. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills are working under National Textile Corporation in Kanpur;

(b) how many of them are closed with reasons thereof; and

(c) how many workers were affected by such closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) There are five mills under NTC (Uttar Pradeshj m Kanpur. Although none of these mills have been closed down there is cessation of activities in all the five mills due to shortage of working capital, imbalance in workers due to Voluntary Retirement Scheme and stoppage of electricity/power due to non-payment of dues. There are 9142 workers in these mills who are being paid wages.

Export of Cotton

3847. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 24 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27-7-1993 and state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Chokha Rao Committee and whether Government have implemented them; the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that country cannot afford to allow free export of cotton for several reasons; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that state intervention through public sector bodies like the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is vital at the present juncture; if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Chokha Rao Committee's Report relates to analysis of price situation of agricultural commodities and has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture. However, recommendations relating to the Ministry of Textiles pertain to certain modifications in the cotton export policy such as doing away with the restrictions on the cotton exports, fixing of price band etc. The Ministry of Textiles has already sent its comments to the Ministry of Agriculture. As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Report of the Committee is still under examination by them.

(b) Yes, Sir, the country cannot afford to allow free export of cotton because the cotton export policy is determined keeping in view the factors such as domestic availability of raw material, trend of the prices, both do mestic and international, with reference to the interests of both the cotton growers and the textile industry; and the interests of the decentralised handloom and power-loom sectors. Although the general policy of the Ministry is to permit the export of value-added items, the export of raw cotton is also allowed to achieve the objectives of (i) stabilisation of cotton price which is very important for both cotton growers as well as the industry; (ii) ensuring remune rative prices to the cotton growers and (iii) maintaining India's presence in the interna tional market as a stable supplier of cotton.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) undertakes price support operations in case the prices come below the minimum support price level in the interests of the cotton farmers. The Cor poration also intervenes in the market to keep the prices above the support price levels.

Decontrol of Cotton Export

@3848. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agriculture Ministry is contemplating decontrolling of

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2128 transferred from 12-8-93.